

POLICY BULLETIN CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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Question and Answer**

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Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers March 2007

Costs

- CST
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- Q. Can a security guard that is only present at an open site during a lunch service (no other activities) be claimed as an administrative cost?
- A. Yes, if the sponsor has assessed the situation and determined that the cost is reasonable and necessary for supervision of food service workers and children (see Sponsor's Fiscal Guide, page 9, Operational Labor Tasks, #3).
- CST
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- Q. Is there any means of compensating a sponsor that receives vended meals and that has some spoilage due to a loss of power in a disaster situation?
- A. No, if the sponsor does not receive commodities, there is no remedy for a food loss.

Crediting Foods

- CRD
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- Q. A fruit bite/gummy candy is listed on the exemption list. May it be used to meet the fruit/vegetable component in the traditional menu planning option? If so, may similar products but with different names be used?

- A. No. Items on the exemption list are eligible to be sold a la carte or vended in competition with the school meal; exemption does not make them eligible as a component of the school meal. Also, each individual product, by name, must be approved for the exemption list; general categories such as “fruit bite” are not approved.

Sponsor or Site Eligibility

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- Q. Is a 21st Century Learning Center that operates enhancement programs during the summer and has weekly programs considered a “school” or a “camp”? If it is a “camp”, must it be reimbursed for income eligible children only? Must the claim be filed weekly or may it be filed monthly?
- A. Yes. Enhancement programs would meet the definition of “day camp” as described in the 2007 Administrative Guidance for Sponsors, page 20. Camps are reimbursed only for meals served to children who meet the income eligibility criteria. Because the sponsor, not the camp, files the claim, it may be filed monthly. The sponsor must provide the State agency with the number of children enrolled in each session at each camp that have been determined eligible for reimbursable meals at the time the sponsor’s claim is submitted or at an earlier time specified by the State agency.
- SSE
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- Q. May a school be determined 50 percent eligible by using only the days in the month when the eligibility exceeds 50 percent and averaging those days or must the whole month’s percentage be used?
- A. The entire month must be used when averaging the days to determine if the month is 50 percent or more eligible.
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- Q. There are two school buildings in a school district. One is located in an area that is under 50 percent eligible and one is located in an area that is over 50 percent eligible based on census block data. May the building that is located in the area that is under 50 percent eligible be designated an open site?

- A. No. The open site should be in the building that is in an area that is over 50 percent eligible. That site could then serve children that are located and coming from the under 50 percent area.

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- Q. Are there instances where we may be more liberal in determining site eligibility, and may we determine site eligibility as it is determined in the Afterschool Care Program, which is a part of the National School Lunch Program?

- A. When determining site eligibility, one must remember the intent of the Program; that is, to provide meals to needy children in low income areas. Placing sites where pockets of poverty do not exist does not meet the intent of the Program. Sites should be located in directly eligible areas rather than in an area that is based on a different area's annual data. It is best when sites are placed in low income areas so children can obtain a meal by walking a few blocks to a site.

The purpose of the Afterschool Care Program is to remove children, rich and poor alike, from the streets during after school hours. The purpose of the SFSP is to feed needy children in low income areas.